

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are presently pending in this case. Claims 1 and 3-6 are amended by the present amendment. As amended Claims 1 and 3-6 are supported by the original disclosure,¹ no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Dworkin (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20020071540) in view of Dailey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,363,352, hereinafter “Dailey”).

The outstanding rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 recites in part “a reservation information providing unit configured to provide to the second and third terminals information including shared authentication data, a description of the first service, scheduling information and *hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal.*”

Dworkin describes an application service provider (ASP) for providing a conferencing environment.² The outstanding Office Action cited paragraph 27 of Dworkin as describing “receiving a distribution notice” as previously recited in Claim 1.³ The outstanding Office Action also cited hyperlink data 1446, 1918, and 1920 in Figures 5, 6, and 10 of Dailey as describing “hyperlink data” as recited in Claim 1.⁴ With regard to Dworkin, paragraph 26 of Dworkin describes that a purchaser of conference room time may identify at the time of purchase: the video chat room name and size, password, bandwidth, environment, and video and sound quality of the conference. However, it is respectfully submitted that Dworkin does not describe a reservation information providing unit configured to provide information

¹See, e.g. the original claims, the specification at page 24, line 3 to page 28, line 9, and Figure 10.

²See Dworkin, abstract.

³See the outstanding Office Action at page 3, lines 6-8.

⁴See the outstanding Office Action at page 5, line 2.

including *hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal*. At most, paragraph 28 of Dworkin describes that a website of the *ASP*, not either of the users 106, 108, is provided to a customer.

With respect to Dailey, browse command button 1446 provides access to a directory tree, *not* a hyperlink.⁵ Dismiss command button 1910 dismisses a scheduled virtual meeting, and thus is not a hyperlink.⁶ Further, start NetMeeting command button 1920 starts a scheduled virtual meeting, and thus is also not a hyperlink.⁷ Finally, it is respectfully submitted that no other portion of Dailey teaches or suggests a reservation information providing unit configured to provide information including *hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal* either.

Consequently, amended Claim 1 (and Claims 2, 3, 7, and 8 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Dworkin in view of Dailey.

Amended Claims 4-6 recite in part “*providing information* to the second and third terminals *including* shared authentication data, a description of the first service, scheduling information and *hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal*.”

As noted above, Dworkin only describes providing a website of the ASP, not of the users 106, 108. Further, Dailey does not describe this feature either. Consequently, amended Claims 2-4 are also patentable over Dworkin in view of Dailey.

⁵See Dailey, column 12, lines 25-27.

⁶See Dailey, column 15, lines 28-32.

⁷See Dailey, column 15, lines 22-28.

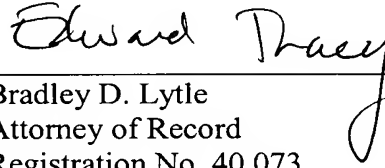
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Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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